

# **Ephesians**

*Paul writes again*

# Audience & Purpose

- *This letter was written to the church at Ephesus.*
  - Paul started the church and spent 3 years there on his third missionary journey.
- *Paul wrote it for two reasons:*
  1. To affirm the supremacy of Christ
  2. To reignite the Ephesians love for Christ



# Theme

- *The theme of Ephesians is unity in the church.*
- *Theme verse*  
*Ephesians 4:4-6 (NLT) <sup>4</sup> For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. <sup>5</sup> There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> and one God and Father, who is over all and in all and living through all.*

# Characteristics

- *Doctrine & application*
  - The first half of the letter addresses the key doctrines of the church
  - The last half of the letter applies those doctrines to the lives of believers.

# Teachings

- *Authority of Christ—Jesus is the supreme authority over the church.*
- *Salvation—We are saved by grace, through faith, not by works.*

# Teachings

- *The body of Christ & spiritual gifts—  
God has uniquely gifted each individual  
to benefit the church as a whole.*
- *The armor of God*